Resource Service Organiser

Administrators'

Guide

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Introduction

Quick over-view of system structure

Organisation

RSO handles three types of item:

- · Lending borrowed for a period then returned
- · Supply given away in quantities
- Information 'virtual' information no physical action

Databases

There are three main databases in RSO:

- · your clients
- your resource items (lending, supply and information items)
- · bookings and orders

These are the main working databases that are changing during the day.

Lists

There are also a multitude of smaller auxiliary databases and lists, such as:

- · database of administration staff
- · database of resource suppliers
- database of special holidays (bank holidays, closed periods, etc.)
- · list of resource topics
- · list of resource audience target groups
- list of client occupations (for statistics)
- list of client work areas (for statistics)

These are set up during the commissioning process when you first start using RSO. Once set up they very rarely need to be altered.

Basic Use

- RSO consists of pages, one for each function.
- Most pages consist of a list of items with options to select and action them, such as Deliver Items, Return Items, Modify/Add, etc.



Getting Started

Web Addresses

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The web address for the Admin (Administration) side of RSO is:

____.resourcesorg.co.uk/Admin

where '____' is the code for your resources unit.

You will be given the code when the site is first ready to use.

e.g. Berkshire is: bhps.resourcesorg.co.uk
The Demo site is: demo.resourcesorg.co.uk

Clients

The address for the Client side is:

____.resourcesorg.co.uk/Client

This is where the public users (clients) can log in, browse the catalogue and make bookings.

When you first go to the Admin site you will see the log-in page. Each of your staff should have their own separate log-in details as this is more secure.

When you first start using RSO an initial log-in will be provided to gain access.



Getting Started

Once logged in you will see the Main 'Administration Overview' page as shown below.

The Admin. system consists of a series of pages, each with a list of links to functions for doing various actions. The functions are divided across six pages, grouped by actions of similar use.

Basically each page of functions amend one of the databases, e.g. bookings functions, library item functions, client detail functions, etc.

There are four main areas on all the Admin pages

The Admin. menu pages are divided into four sections.



Top Menu Bar

The menu bar lists the function group pages. Click the name to go to the relevant page.

Their use is as follows:

MAIN DAILYTASKS | ITEM MANAGEMENT | USER MANAGEMENT | REPORTS | SYSTEM | MISC LOGOUT

Main

This is an overview page for convenience, that includes some of the frequently used functions from the other pages.

Daily Tasks

This page has the functions for amending the bookings database such as bookings, orders, overdues, etc.

Item Management

These are the functions for amending the library items database, e.g. adding new resource items or amending existing ones.

User Management

This is for amending the clients database, e.g. amending details of existing clients, approving new registrations, or registering new clients.

It also has the functions for maintaining the list of staff that can access the Admin. functions

System

This page has some special functions, for doing technical tasks such as backing-up your data. Backups are made automatically at the Internet server, but it is advised to make local backups too.

Misc

This page has the functions for amending the auxiliary information and lists, such as topic lists, closures and holidays, maximum allowed lending period, delivery method details... and many more. There are a great many background settings in RSO and they are all found here.

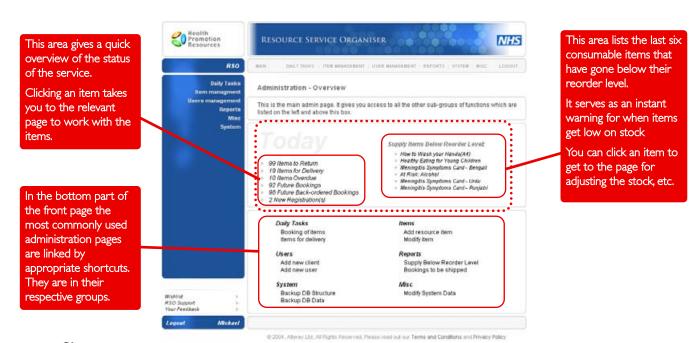
Most of this is set up once, when you start using the system, and then changed very rarely.

Main Page/Today Panel

The 'Main' and 'Daily Tasks' page have a quick overview panel labeled 'Today'

Today Panel

The Today panel informs you about important changes in the system and provides quick access to the most commonly used functions. It lists a quick count of the number of items for return, delivery, overdue, future bookings, future backorders and new client registrations. It also lists supply items that have recently gone below their reorder level.



Common Shortcuts

Return items

This is the function for logging items as having been returned. It also acts as a list of all items that are currently out with clients.

Items for delivery

This lists all the items that need to be sent out today, and has the functions for 'delivering' them, i.e. logging them as 'with the client' and printing delivery notes.

Items overdue

This lists the items, currently out, that are overdue for return, and has a function to send reminder emails to the clients.

Booking of items

For making bookings and orders on behalf of a client.

Future bookings (and Cancel bookings)

This lists all the live bookings/orders currently in the system that have not yet been 'delivered', i.e. it lists every booking apart from those in the 'Return items' list. (It also omits the backorders.) It has a function to select and delete bookings.

Future back-order bookings

This lists all the back-orders currently in the system and has a function to select and delete orders. When new stock is received, any backorders that can be fulfilled move into the 'Items for delivery' list.

Extend hires

This function lists the items currently out with a particular client and allows you to extend bookings if the items are still free.

2. Daily Tasks

The Daily Tasks page has the functions for running the daily work of the office, e.g. making bookings, checking orders and bookings, checking what needs to come back, etc.

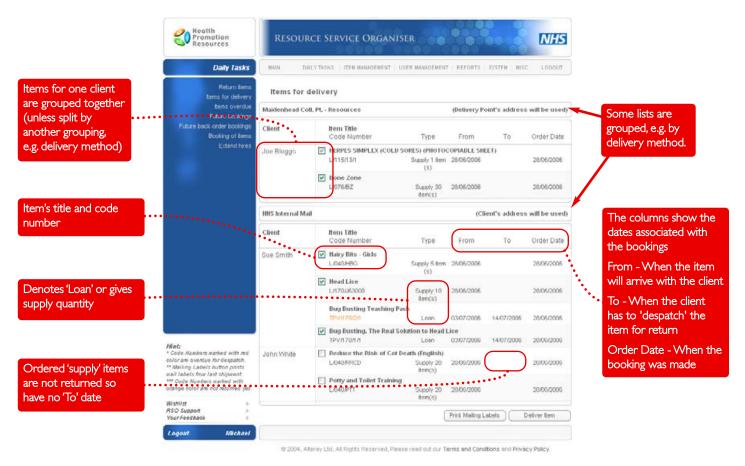


The functions are described in detail in the following sections.

Using list pages

Many of these pages work via a list of bookings and orders. All these lists work in a similar way so this page explains the common features.

This is the **Items for Delivery** list as an example.



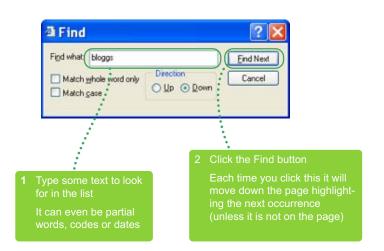
Searching Long Lists

Sometimes the lists can be long. To find entries on a long list you should use the browser 'Find on page' feature. This is a feature of the web browser, not RSO. Most browsers have a function like this.

It is usually found in the 'Edit' menu, or type 'ctrl'-F on the keyboard.

You will get a small window or text box, similar to this one from MS Internet Explorer. It will search the current page for the text you have entered.

You can search for any of the information included in the list, e.g. client name, resource title, resource code, a date, etc., so it is very flexible.



Return Items

Purpose

- I Used when items are returned from a client. It registers the items as 'back' on the system no longer with the client.
- 2 Used to list all items currently out with clients.

Tip

If the list is very long then use the 'Find on page' browser function as described earlier. You can search for all or part of the item title, the code number, the client's name or even booking/return dates.

The page will move down to, and highlight, the first matching piece of text.

Feature

Overdue items have due dates marked in red to highlight them.

This page is used for marking items as returned. It lists all the items that are currently out with clients. From this page you can select either a single item, by using a check-box next to its name, or multiple items. Alternatively you can use a check-box next to a user's name to automatically select all the items with that user.

The items are grouped by user.



Items for Delivery 1 of 2

Purpose

Lists the items that need to be sent out today.

Allows the items to be 'delivered' and provides mail-merge information for printing delivery notes. Sends email to client/s informing them of despatch of their orders.

Tip

This needs to be checked a few times during the day since a client could place an order at any time that needs to be dispatched today.

Warning

This function can only be used by **one Admin** staff at a time.

If another user ticks and delivers items before the first merge list has been downloaded then it will overwrite the first one which will be lost.

Information

Several factors control which bookings appear in this list.

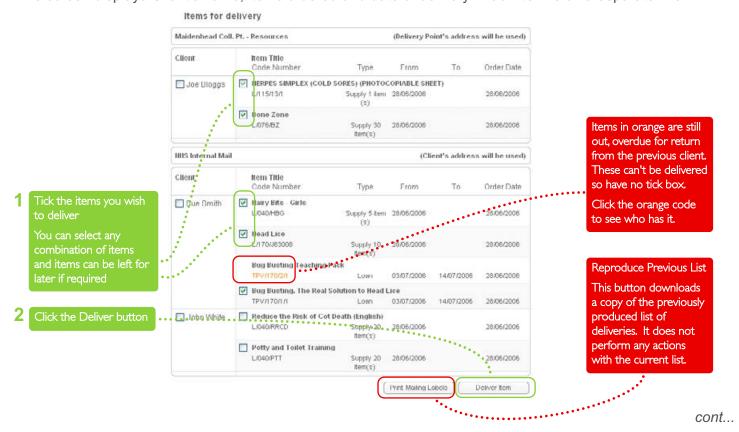
See

Appendix 2 for details.

This function causes several actions when used on selected items:

- **Lending items** are switched to being 'out', in possession of the client. They transfer to the Return Items list until they are returned.
- Supply items have their order quantity removed from the stock level.
- An email is sent to the client/s, listing the items processed, and informing them that the items have been despatched. Message template text is set in Misc > Mail Templates section.
- Produces the delivery notes to be sent out with the items.

The screen displays Client's name, items ordered and date of delivery. Each item is on a separate line.



Items for Delivery 2 of 2

These next steps require that you have your delivery note mail-merge documents set up correctly. See the 'Set up' box for more details.

You will be provided with a working delivery note which you can customise.

Minimise RSO and go to the folder where your mail-merge documents are. Then delete the previously downloaded

Tip

It is possible to overwrite when downloading, but deleting is usefu as it keeps previous merge files in your PC Recycle Bin in case you need to refer back.

Return to the RSO browser window and click the 'Print Mailing Labels' button.



5 Choose to 'Save' the file.



Check that the location is correct (your RSO mail-merge folder) and click 'Save'.



The save file window remembers the previously used location.



If you haven't deleted the previous mailing_labels file then you will have to say 'Yes' to overwrite it.







Set-up Mail-merge

Mail-merge requires a pair of linked files:

- I A main Word document is the template defining the layout for the delivery notes.
- 2 A data file this is downloaded from RSO and merged in to provide the finished delivery notes new data but formatted like the template.

The file that is downloaded holds the details for this particular 'shipment' and is named **mailing_labels.doc** Your merge template must be set to use this as it's data file.

It is best to keep the two files in the same folder, used exclusively for the mail-merges. This is then where you download the RSO file to and it keeps everything together.

8 Minimise the RSO window.

Open your 'Delivery Note' Word document and complete the merge in the usual way. Tip

At this point you can make alterations to the delivery notes just like any ordinary document

This can be useful to give extra information to the client, e.g. to note that something was out of stock

9 Print the delivery notes

Close the delivery notes and the merge document.

DO NOT SAVE either document. They need to

Items for Return

Purpose

Produces a list of items that require attention for return. e.g. to produce a list for a 'collection run'.

This feature does not make any changes to the bookings, it simply provides a list for information.

Information

The controlling factor for when items appear in this list is the 'Return Notice' value set for each 'Delivery Point' method.

Feature

If an item is not returned/collected on time, it will continue to be included in this list until it is returned.

This feature lists items currently out on loan to clients but are 'ready' for return, i.e. they are within their 'Return Notice' period as set for their specific Delivery Method

For example, if an item with a client has been booked with a Delivery Method called 'Internal Mail', and the Return Notice for 'Internal Mail' is 2 days, then this booking will appear in this list 2 (working) days before it's return date.

See page ??? for setting the Return Notice of delivery methods.

Items Overdue

Purpose

Lists all items that are currently overdue for return.

Can send automatic return reminder emails to clients.

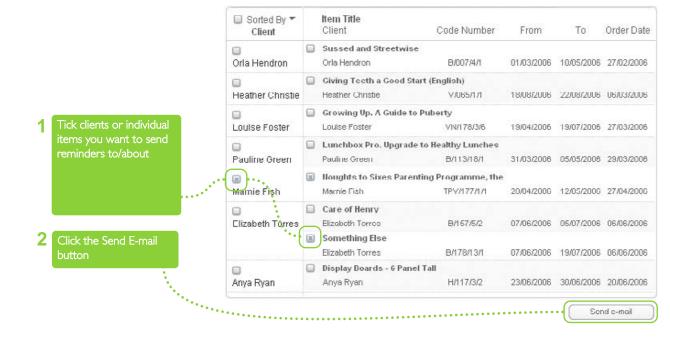
Feature

It is possible to send reminders for only a few items if required - Useful if there are special circumstances with others.

This page lists clients that have items overdue for return. The list is sorted by client name.

Both client and individual items have check-boxes that allow administrator to select them for action.

The text of the message is set in 'Misc > Mail templates > Warning mail'



Future Bookings - Cancel

Purpose

Lists all bookings currently in the system, that have not yet been delivered.

- Allows selected bookings to be cancelled
- · Allows bookings to be amended

Note

This list also includes bookings due to go out today. It does not include back-order items.

Tip

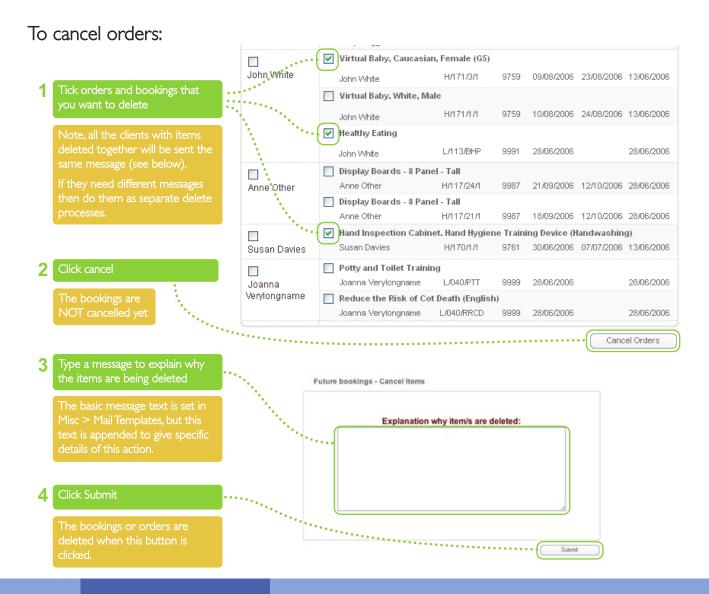
The list of items is usually long so use the browser's 'find on page' function to locate a particular client or item.

This page lists all bookings and orders currently in the system - apart from:

- Items currently out with clients (in Return Items)
- Future back-orders (in Future Back-orders)

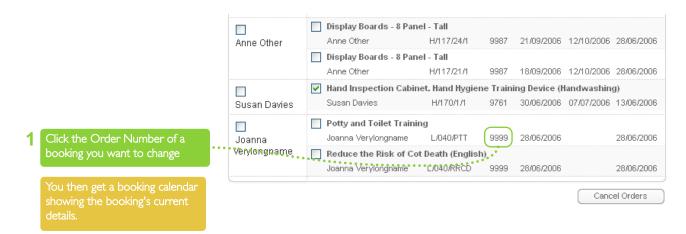
This page is often used just to check on a future booking or order, and no actions are required.

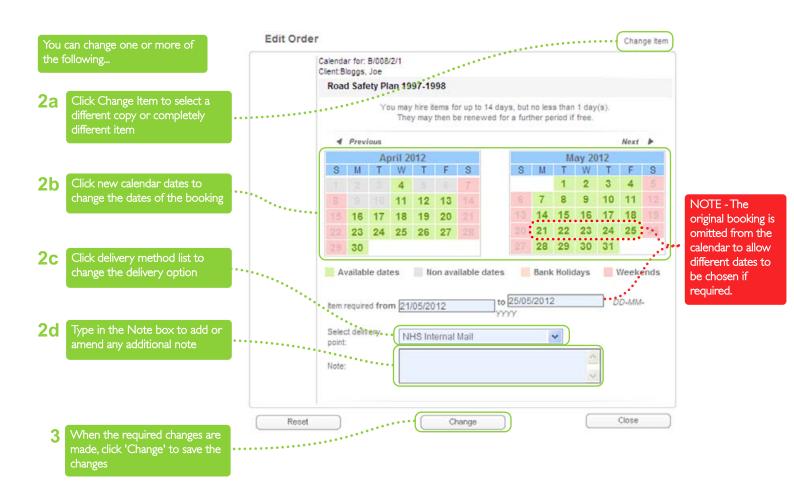
Any booking or order can be cancelled prior to delivery, even those due to go out today.



Future Bookings - Edit

Bookings and orders can be amended from this page.





Future Back Orders

Purpose

Lists all the back-orders currently in the system.

- Allows selected bookings to be cancelled
- Allows bookings to be amended

Feature

Items in this list transfer automatically to 'real orders' when sufficient new stock is available.

This page is only required for viewing, amending or deleting back-orders.

Tip

The list of items can be very long so use the browser's 'find on page' function to locate a particular client or item.

The process for cancelling or amending a back-order is the same as described earlier for an ordinary order.

Please refer to "Future Bookings" for details.

Future back-order bookings

Sorted By Client	Item Title Client	Code Number	From	То	Order Date
Joe Bloggs	Drinkline Joe Bloggs	L/077/DL	16/11/2005		16/11/2005
Sue Smith	Listening to Children - Sue Smith	A Guide for Parents a L/172/0729	and Carers 12/12/2005		12/12/2005
Mary Bloggs	Menopause - Well Being of Women Mary Bloggs L/234/RCOMeno 19/12/2005				19/12/2005
Joe Bloggs	Weaning Your Baby Onto Asian Family Foods - Urdu Version Joe Bloggs L/109/URDU 21/12/2005		21/12/2005		
Anne Other	Blood Pressure (Green	L/058/BPEBHA	26/06/2006		26/06/2006
	Cholesterol - Question Anne Other	as you've wanted to a L/058/CHOL	sk 26/06/2006		26/06/2006
	Your Guide to Contrac Anne Other	eption L/055/YGTC	26/06/2006		26/06/2006
Joanna Verylongname	Vour Guide to Contrac Joanna Verylongname	eption L/055/YGTC	27/06/2006		27/06/2006
	Some of your Bits Ain' Joanna Verylongname	t Ilice L/170/SOYB	27/06/2006		27/06/2006
	Love, Sex and Relation Joanna Verylongname	ships L/214/LSR	27/06/2006		27/06/2006
	Just Eat More (leaflet) Joanna Verylongname	L/113/JEML	27/06/2006		27/06/2006
	Just Eat More (Booklet Joanna Verylongname	L/113/JEMB	27/06/2006		27/06/2006
	Drinkline Joanna Verylongname	L/077/DL	28/06/2006		28/06/2006
	Thinking of Getting P** Joanna Verylongname	"d Tonight L/077/TOGPT	28/06/2006		28/06/2006

Cancel Orders

Booking of Items - 1 of 5

Purpose

To make bookings and orders on behalf of a client.

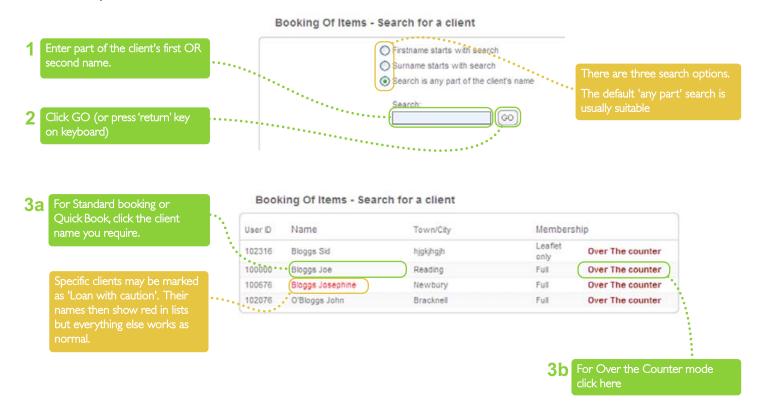
e.g. when a client visits the service inperson or is on the 'phone.

Feature

There are three variations of the bookings process:

- Standard As on Client side
- Quick Book
 Assumes items are being taken today. Fills in today's date and automatically 'delivers' items on completion.
- Over the Counter Like a shop check-out. Only requires input of item code numbers.

The first step is to select the correct client.



You have now selected the client to book/order for.

The next steps are to locate the items and book lending items and/or order supply items.

Booking of Items - 2 of 5

Standard and Quick Book

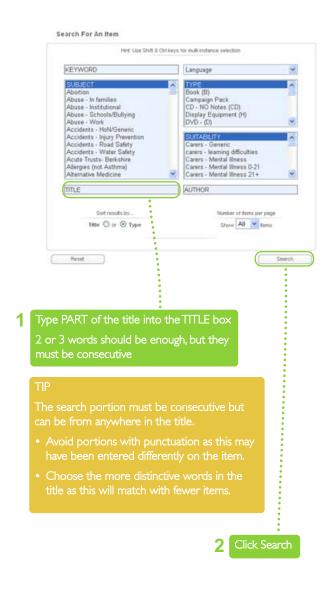
The next step is to find the item/s to be booked or ordered.

There are two main approaches, depending whether the client knows the particular items they want.

Known Item/s

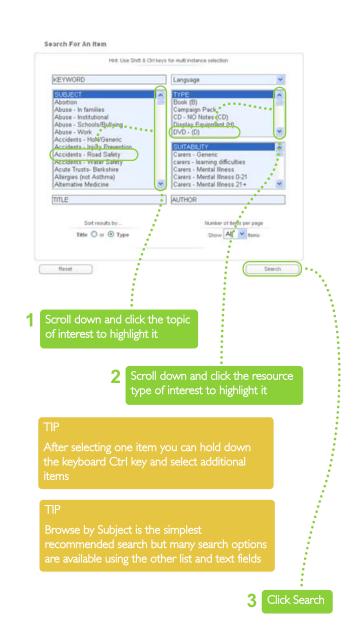
If the client knows specific item/s that they want then it is best to search by title.

If they know an item but not the title, then use the Browse method.



Browsing

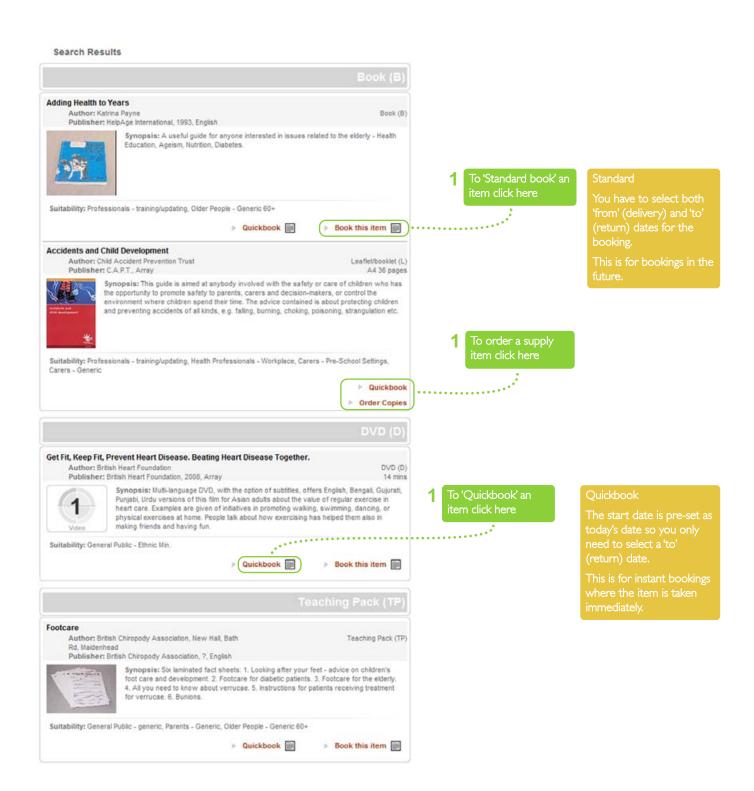
If the client knows the general topic but does not know specific item/s, then the best approach is to browse by subject.



Booking of Items - 3 of 5

Standard and Quick Book

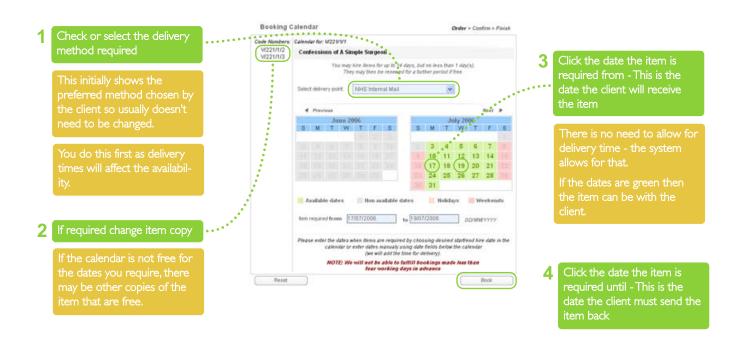
You will get a list of matching items like the example below.



Booking of Items - 4 of 5

Standard and Quick Book

You then get a either a booking calendar window (lending item) or an order copies window (supply items).



5 Click 'Book'

Extend Hires

Purpose

To extend the booking period for an item currently out with a client.

Note

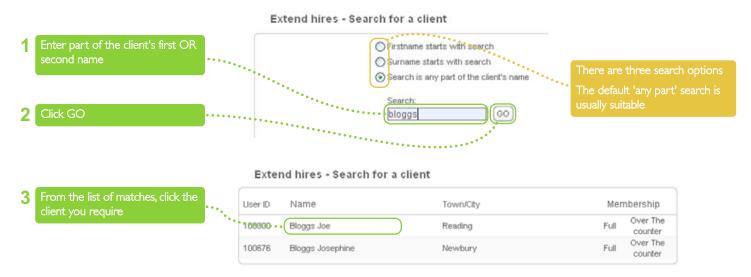
Hires can only be extended during the last few days before the return date. This period is set in Misc > System Data

This prevents bookings being extended at the start of a hire, making an unfairly long booking.

Feature

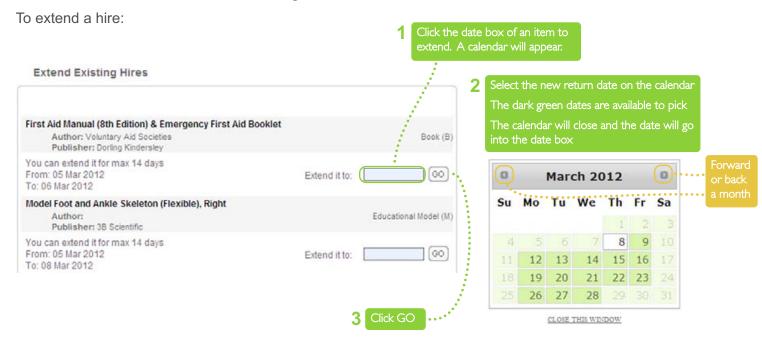
There is a custom limit for the maximum number of times a booking can be extended. This is set in Misc > System Data > Max Extendible

The first step is to select the client.



The next screen will show all the items currently out with the client AND that are eligible for extending (in the final few days before return).

This list MAY BE EMPTY if there are no eligible items.



Current Issues

Purpose

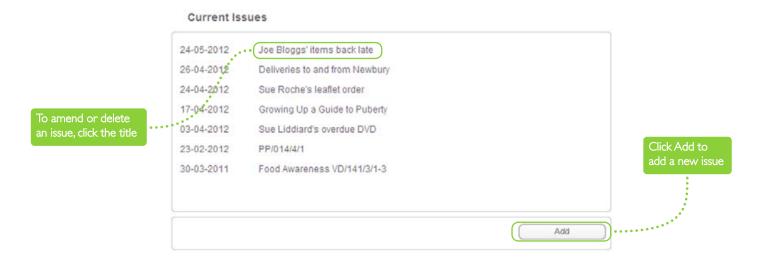
This is like a 'hand-over book' for admin. staff. It keeps a list of current topics with notes, so all staff can keep up to date on the issues. Any staff member can add to the notes as the issue develops.

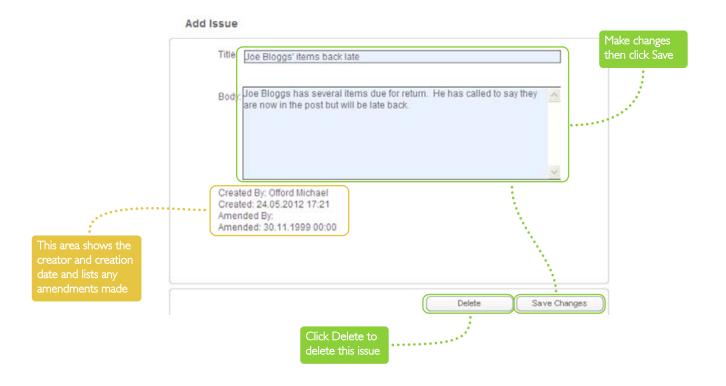
Feature

The current list of issues is also included in the TODAY panel on the Main admin page

This feature allows any staff member to log details of an 'issue' relevant to the running of the service.

The screen shows the list of current live issues. They can be amended, deleted, or a new issue added.





3. Item Management

Introduction

This section has the features for adding or amending the details of resource items.

There are just two functions:

- · Add resource item
- Modify item

but there are a lot of additional functions within them, e.g.:

- · List items of particular types
- · View histories
- · Amend copies of items
- · Amend stock quantity of items
- Add/amend/remove item assets (previews)

and many more.

Add Resource Item 1 of 2

Purpose

To add a new UNIQUE resource item to the library system.

NOTE To add an *additional copy* of an existing item, use Modify Item, then Modify Copies/Stock.

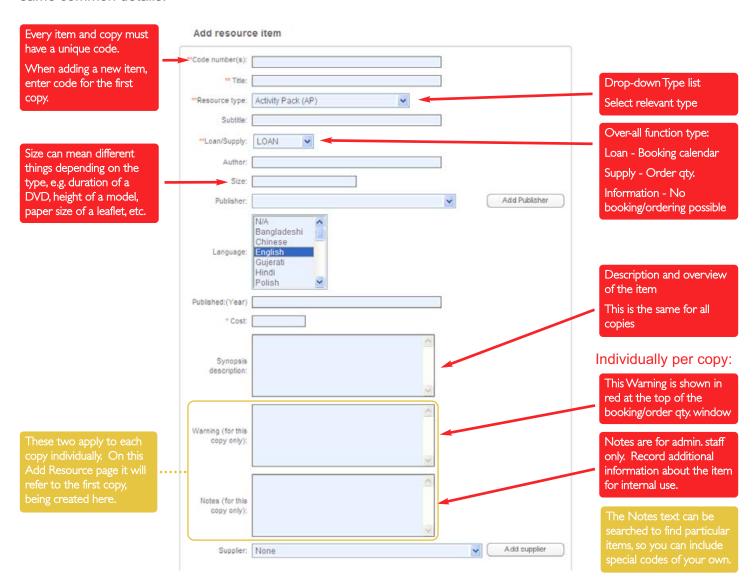
Tip

Completing this form can take a while, so it is best to first enter the minimum information required and save it.

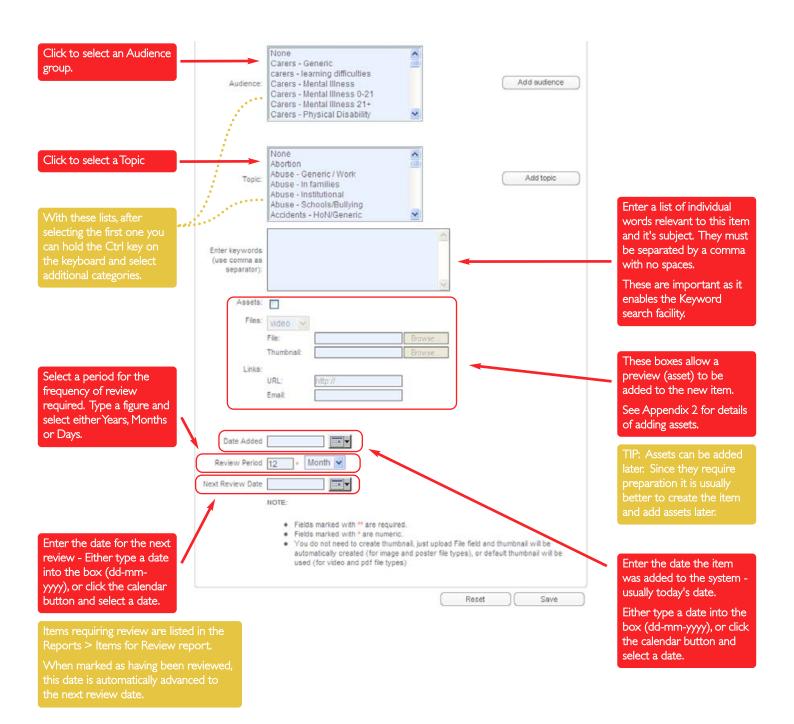
If you spend too long you could be 'timed-out' and lose the information entered.

- 1. Fill in as many of the boxes as you can. Those marked with two red stars ** must have something entered to be able to save the page and create the item.
- 2. The 'drop down' lists are pre-determined, being set up when first using RSO, but they can be edited in the 'Misc' section. Also some have 'Add' buttons to enable quick addition of items if required.

NOTE All of the details added here (apart from Code, Warning and Notes) apply to *ALL COPIES* of the item so should be common to them all. Additional copies are 'clones' of the main item and they all refer to these same common details.



Add Resource Item 2 of 2



Modify Item 1 of 4

Purpose

This function has three uses:

- To view the full details of an item
- To amend details of an item including previews (photos, videos, etc.)
- To add a new copy (DUPLICATE copy) of an item

Note

Altering details on the screen WILL NOT CHANGE the stored records until the 'Save' button is clicked.

This page can be used simply to bring up and review the full details of an item, but it also allows details to be changed and saved.

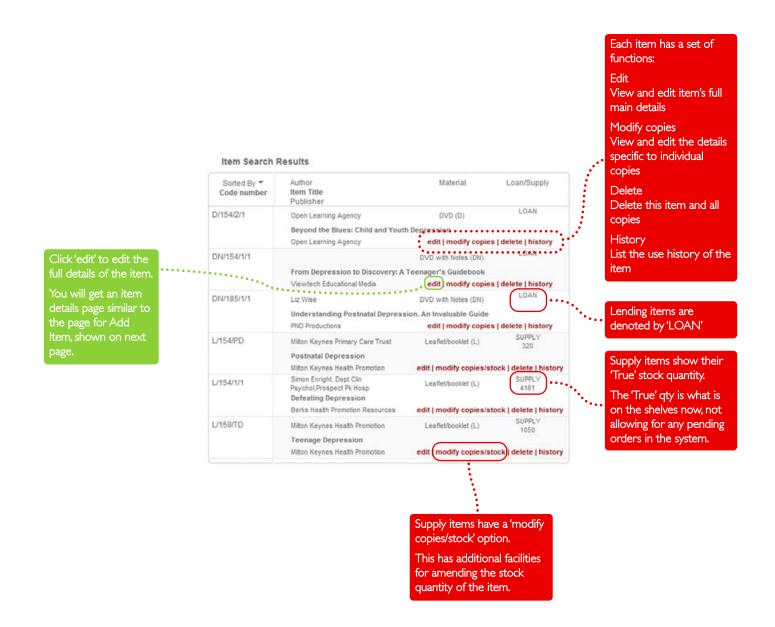
The first step is to find the item to view or amend.



You will then get a search results page as shown on the next page.

Modify Item 2 of 4

You will get a results list similar to the example below. The length of the list will depend on what search method you used. Matching a title or code may list only one item.



Modify Item 3 of 4

You will get an item details page like the example here. It is similar to the page for Add Item but with slightly different options.

Modify resource item ****** Code number(s): DN/170/5/1 "Title: Wash Your Hands. Give Soap a Chance. A Simple "Resource DVD with Notes (DN) Subtitle: A Simple Guide to Handwashing "Loan/Supply: LOAN . Author: NHS Hull and East Riding Yorkshire Size: 2 mins Publisher: NHS Add Publisher Bangladeshi 10 Language: Englis Polish Published:(Year) 2009 * Cost: Effective handwashing is demonstrated with step-by-step commentary. Additional information is available in the accompanying description: leaflet. This practical advice, primarily for children aged 4 - 6 years, is supported by materials found on the website, www.wash-Supplier: None Add supplier Carers - Generic carers - learning difficulties Carers - Mental Illness Add audience Carers - Mental Illness 0-21 Carers - Mental Illness 21+ Carers - Physical Disability Abuse - Generic / Work Add topic Abuse - In families Abuse - Institutional Abuse - Schools/Bullying Accidents - HoN/Generic nand,wash,hygiene,soap,film,advice,diarrhoe a,flu,sickness,vomit,vomiting,tummy,upset,inf ection,hospital,water,towel,home,spread,clea Enter keywords (use comma as n,dirt,germs,bacteria,bugs,illness,spread,fam lly,child,children,habit,lifelong,chance,knuckle separator): s,wrist,palm,finger,thumb,team,education,pac 🔻 Assets: WashYourHandsSoap.ipo WashYourHands.aso Add Modify Assets Date Added 16-06-2011 Review Period 12 Month ... Next Review Date 01-10-2012 Fields marked with ** are required. Fields marked with * are numeric. . You do not need to create thumbnail, just upload File field and thumbnail will be automatically created (for image and poster file types), or default thumbnail will be used (for video and pdf file types) Delete View History View copies Save

Note

Altering details on the screen DOES **NOT CHANGE** the stored records UNTIL the 'Save' button is clicked.

Click 'Save' to save the changes.

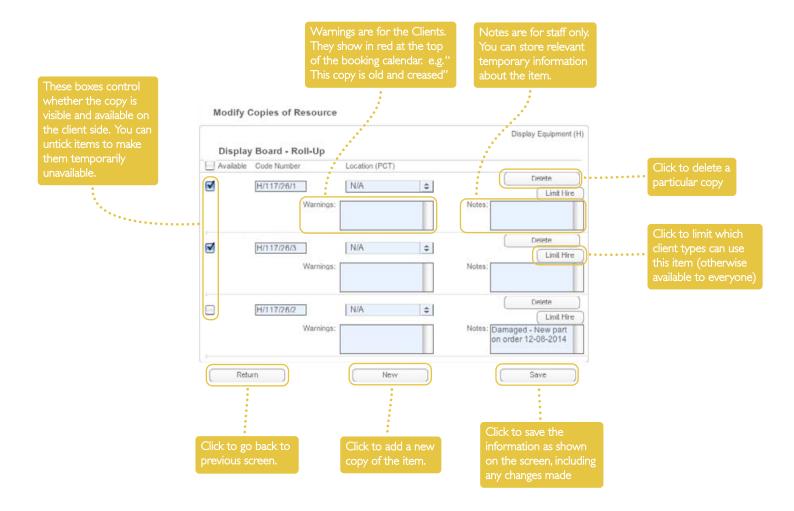
Modify Item 4 of 4

Modify Copies

The Modify Copies page lets you make changes to the particular physical copies of an item.

Every item has 'core' details which are the same for all copies (as set on the previous page) but can have several copies - these relate to the physical items. Each item will have at least one copy.

This page lets you record any differences between the copies.



Add/Modify Assets 1 of 3

Purpose

- Lists all assets currently attached to this item
- New assets can be added
- Assets can be removed 'Assets' are the additional information added to items, e.g. preview pictures, video clips, web addresses, etc.

Feature

It is possible to add:

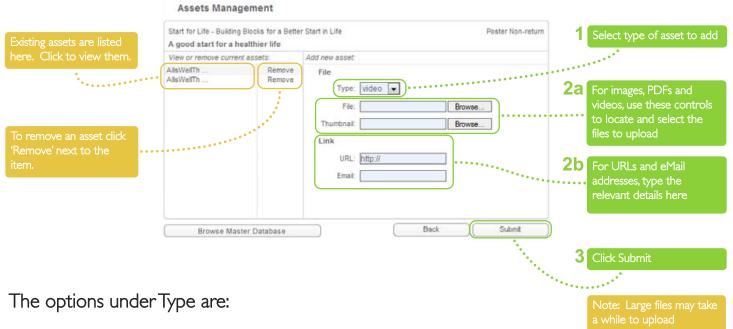
- Images/Pictures
- PDF documents
- Video clips
- Web addresses
- Email addresses

Tip

It is a good idea to keep a copy of the files you upload on a local disk. They may be useful for other purposes, e.g. item images for advertising.

Note

Most of the previews require files to be prepared before uploading them. Image files are relatively easy although you will require a photo editing program such as Photoshop. The PDFs and video clips require more technical knowledge and specialist software.



Web Address - URL

- 1. Select 'URL' in the Type drop-down list
- 2. Type in (or paste) the web address into the URL box, making sure the 'http://' remains at the beginning.
- 3. Click Submit button

Email Address

- Select 'Email' in the Type drop-down list
- Type in (or paste) the eMail address into the Email box
- 3. Click Submit button

Add/Modify Assets 2 of 3

Preview files should be within particular sizes, shapes, and file-size limits. These limits help keep the site responding quickly for the clients. Very large images and files will slow down the site and reduce usability.

Photograph / Image

Images consist of an image file plus a smaller 'thumb-nail' copy of it, both JPEG files. The thumb-nail is what initially shows in the catalogue. Clicking it opens the main image.

Specifications

Main Image

- Images should be 500 pixels high.
- They can be any width but must NOT be square e.g. the width matching the height.
- Format JPEG image, approx. 30K to 60K bytes

Thumbnail Image

- Scaled-down version of full image (above)
- Its' maximum dimension must be 108 pixels width or height, which ever is largest
- High quality JPEG format RSO will compress the image as required so the original supplied here should be good quality.

Method

- 1. Obtain a photograph, e.g. upload from a digital camera
- 2. Open the image in a photo editing program, e.g. Photoshop, or MS Paint will do for simple edits
- 3. Adjust and improve the image as required, e.g. brightness/contrast, crop edges, etc.
- 4. Save the image as an original. It is useful to keep a full quality version of photographs for other uses.
- 5. Scale the image to 500 pixels high.
- 6. Save a copy as a JPEG image file, approx. 30-60 K bytes in size This is the **main preview image** NOTE Don't use spaces in the file name, e.g. FluVaccination2014.jpg
- 7. Scale the image down so it's maximum size (width or height) is 108 pixels.
- 8. Save a copy as a high quality JPEG image (file size not important) This is the **thumbnail image** NOTE It is best to name the file the same as the main file, but add '-tn' suffix to indicate that it is the thumbnail version, e.g. FluVaccination2014-tn.jpg
- 9. On RSO, find the item and use the 'Add Modify Asset' page (as shown previously) to upload the main and thumbnail images.

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PDF Document

PDFs are best for leaflet previews. They also require a thumb-nail image of the front cover.

Specifications

PDF file assets can be used for two purposes:

- · A quick preview of the leaflet
- · A full-quality downloadable copy of the leaflet

File Size

- **Preview** PDFs should be limited to about 300K to 800K bytes so they load relatively quickly. The image quality will not be good and you may have to limit it to the first few pages of a document only.
- **Downloads** can be any size, as required, BUT you should advise of the file size in the item's Synopsis, particularly if it is very large and will take time (and possibly cost) to download.

Thumb-nail - As above for image thumb-nails

Method

- 1. Obtain a PDF of the leaflet.
- 2. If you can't get one you will have to scan each page, import them into a Word document and then export it as a PDF file. You will require a PDF generation program for this, e.g. Adobe Acrobat (full version). The final file should ideally be about 300-800Kb in size.
- 3. Rename the file to resemble the title, but don't use spaces, e.g. FluVaccination2014.pdf
- 4. To generate the thumbnail image, import the PDF into an image editing program, e.g. Photoshop or MS Paint
- 5. Choose only the first page (front cover).
- 6. Scale the image down so it's maximum size (width or height) is 108 pixels.
- 7. Save as a high quality JPEG image (file size not important) This is the **thumbnail image** NOTE It is best to name the file the same as the main file, but add '-tn' suffix to indicate that it is the thumbnail, e.g. FluVaccination2014-tn.jpg
- 8. On RSO, find the item and use the 'Add Modify Asset' page (as shown previously) to upload the PDF and thumbnail images.

Video Clip

The main limit on videos is file size - 2Mbytes maximum. The below settings give good results.

Specifications:

- · WMV (Windows Media Video) format
- Size in pixels: 16:9 Widescreen: 282x162 4:3 Standard: 240x180
- Maximum file size of 2M bytes (will not upload if larger)
- Length: No limit, but the file size limit means a 5 to 6 minute clip produces reasonable quality

Misc (Miscellaneous)

Introduction

The Miscellaneous section has:

- Infrequently used features such as sending bulk emails
- · Functions for viewing and changing the 'background' settings of the system

These functions let you view and change the settings of many things.

The full list of functions are:

System Data

Basic settings used by the system, such as: Max. lending period, Max. no of individual items allowed, Email reminder frequency, etc.

Mail Templates

Mail templates for the various automatic messages.

Suppliers

Your list of Suppliers.

Audience Type

Your list of audience types used when categorizing resource items.

Topics

Your list of topics used when categorizing resource items.

Holidays

For viewing and modifying calendar periods where delivery of items will be impossible, e.g. Christmas.

Delivery Points

Your list of delivery points/methods, e.g. NHS Internal Post.

Titles

Your list of personal titles for clients, e.g. Mr., Mrs., etc.

Job Types

Your list of possible client job types, e.g. Nurse, Health Visitor, Dentist, etc.

Locality Lists

Your list of client work localities, e.g. Reading, Slough, Newbury, etc.

Languages

Your list of possible languages used when categorizing resource items, e.g. English, Greek, etc.

Resource Types

Your list of resource types, e.g. Leaflet/booklet, DVD, Book, etc.

Publishers

Your list of publishers used when entering new resource items, e.g. BBC Enterprises.

Send New Items Bulletin

For sending email newsletters, listing newly added items, to all clients.

Booking Window Message

Change or disable message on the Booking Window.

Type 3

Additional custom client type list that can be used if required.

Send Bulk-Email

Feature for sending an email to a set of clients in one go.

Editing Lists - Overview

Purpose

Lists all the elements in a particular list. Allows items to be added, modified or deleted.

Many lists are simple one-line items and the editing procedure is the same for all. This is described here.

Tip

You can not delete an item from the list if it is in use on ANY resource item or registered client.

Warning

You must be cautious when editing lists. If you change the meaning of an entry then items referring to it will need to be changed too, or others made to refer to the newly amended entry.

There are several lists used within RSO. They can be viewed and amended with the 'Misc' page functions.

These are mostly set up when you start using RSO, either manually or copied from your previous system.

Some lists are complex, having extra information and will be explained later, but the following lists are simple one-line lists and the procedure for editing is the same for all of them:

For Items

Audience Type

Possible audience or 'target' groups used when categorising an item

Topics

Possible topics/subjects used when categorising an item

Languages

List of possible languages used when categorising an item

For Clients

Titles

Possible titles for clients - Mr, Mrs, Dr, etc.

Job Types

Possible occupations for clients - used for producing statistics

Locality Lists

Working locations of clients - used for producing statistics

Resource Types

Resource types used when categorising items



System Data

Purpose

Allows access to 'background' settings and values that affect the way the system works. They allow you to customise RSO to the way your service works.

Tip

Most of these are set during the set-up period and then rarely changed.

dd Edit System Data		How many different supply items (titles) a client co
Supply Settings		order at one visit
Maximum of individual items:	20	For Super Users, the max. order qty for each suppitem is multiplied by this
Super User Multiplier Factor:	4	
Loan Settings		How many different lending items a client can ord at one visit
Maximum items to hire:	7	Maximum duration allowed for a hire, in days
Maximum of hire period:	14	Minimum duration allowed for a hire, in days
Minimum of hire period:	1	
Maximum extendible:	6	Max. number of times a lending period can be extended
Grace period:	2	How many days an item is late for return before i
Extending period:	4	shows up as late
Reminders and alerts		No. of days before return, that an item can be
Return Reminder:	1	extended - e.g. 4 here - can extend only during the last 4 days of the booking
Email reminder frequency:	2	,
Item Settings		No. of days before return date that the Return Reminder email will be sent
New Items period: 31		The reminder email is repeatedly sent this no. of
Period: 2009	-05-01:00	days apart until it is returned
Type 3 Settings		How long, in days, an item is considered as new - Listed in Recent Items list and marked as 'NEW'
Enable:		Length of period scanned to create 'topics of
Availability Settings		interest' lists for the newsletter emails
Availability: No Restrict	ons	Enable and label third 'Client Type' field if required
Items Order Email		Set status of client catalogue - 3 levels:
end order email for QuickBook?	No 🔻	No Restrictions, View Only, Unavailable
		Whether to send booking acknowledgement ema

Mail Templates

Purpose

- Lists the system mail message templates
- Allows them to be eddited

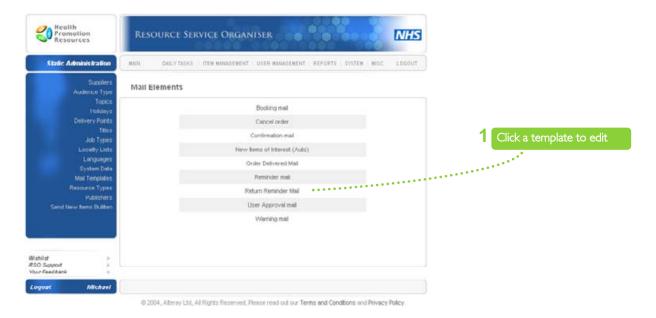
Note

The messages are linked to specific system actions so you can not add new templates.

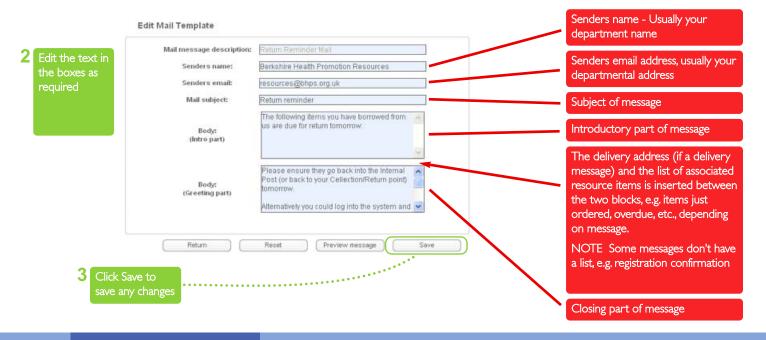
Information

Most of these are sent automatically when certain actions happen, e.g. confirmation when receiving a client order.

Others are sent only when requested.

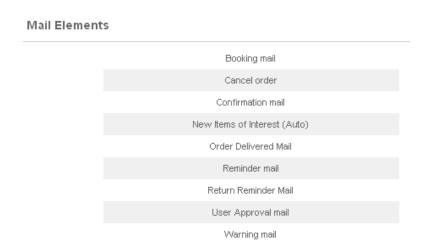


- 2 You will then see the edit page as shown below (boxes will be blank if initially setting up). Edit (or enter) the text as required.
 - TIP Choose the wording carefully, especially the subject and introductory text. Choose a subject that makes it clear what the message is about and easily differentiates between the templates. Remember, clients will be receiving many of these from you.



Mail Templates

Here is the list of templates and which actions they are used for.



Booking Mail

Automatic - This is sent when a booking is completed, i.e. when the 'Send Order' button is pressed. It is sent both when a client has booked items or when admin. staff have booked items on their behalf.

Cancel Order

Automatic - This is sent whenever a booking is cancelled, either by the client or by admin. staff.

Confirmation Mail

Automatic - This is sent when a new client has registered on-line. It only confirms receipt of their details so they can not book items yet.

Order Delivered

Automatic - This is sent to clients when admin. staff have 'delivered' a client's booking/s. Your text should explain that there is still the delivery time to go, e.g. "should arrive in two days". It is particularly useful for clients using collection points as it informs them that they will be ready to collect.

Return Reminder Mail

Automatic - This is sent out just before the return date of lent items. The number of days can be set in System Data. It should tell clients that the item/s should be returned or extended.

User Approval Mail

Automatic - This is sent when admin. staff change a client's status from 'In Progress' to an active state, e.g. when their membership is accepted. It should be welcoming but is a good place to explain the most important points of using your service.

Warning Mail

When Requested - This is the message sent to clients that have items out overdue. It should request return or suggest extension.

Purpose

To select a range of items to display and work with.

Item search is required for several functions, both on Admin and Client side.

The exact options can be different, but this example shows the Admin > Modify Item search page since it has the most options.

Tip

In the lists it is possible to select more than one item. After selecting the first, hold down the ctrl key on the keyboard and select additional items.

Warning

The search options are linked by **logic AND** functions, so only items that match **every** selected criteria will be shown,

The more of them you use, the fewer items will match.

Several Admin. functions have a search page - where an item, or list of items, has to be produced to work on

You can use any combination of the options available. Any left unused are ignored for that search. Leaving them all unused would list EVERY item stored on the system!

